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27 September 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : [REDACTED]

Jack :

I called [REDACTED] on 24 September regarding the manner in which we should handle the question of a replacement at the JFK Center for Military Assistance. As you are aware, I personally doubt the value of having someone at Bragg; however, in order for us to graciously exit from that installation I think it will be necessary to arrange some means of contact and limited support to the activities of that Center. [REDACTED] alluded to the need for some time more than the six (6) weeks to which I referred as the probable deadline for his getting to the field in order to establish a satisfactory communications link.

Insofar as a replacement is concerned, I gather from [REDACTED] silence that he too agrees with us that one is not necessary. He advised me that the best manner in which to handle this would probably be for Colonel White to call Brigadier General Emerson, Commandant of the JFK Center for Military Assistance. As I told you he advised against our going there inasmuch as the General feels strongly that CIA should continue to be represented and that he would unquestionably make a strong plea for such support with anyone who would visit with him. I am inclined to agree with [REDACTED] assessment and recommend that Colonel White call General Emerson.

I talked again on 27 September with [REDACTED] and after having given the matter consideration over the weekend he now thinks that a letter is the best means of expressing the Agency's views and reasons for the removal of our representative from that Center. [REDACTED] thought the letter should be signed by Colonel White.

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In respect to the timing of his departure for Southeast Asia, [REDACTED] will come to Headquarters on 28 September to negotiate a timing on this change. [REDACTED] is aware of [REDACTED] plans to arrive tomorrow.

SIGNED

[REDACTED]
Acting Director of Training

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